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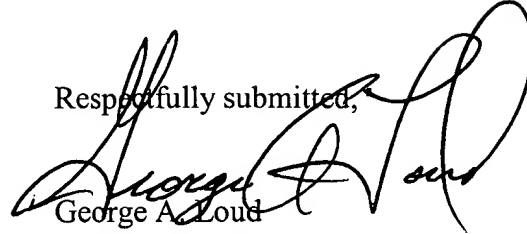
It is respectfully requested that the examiner consider and cite of record U.S. 5,500,292 as listed in the attached and cited in a European Search Report issued March 4, 2004 in connection with European Application No. 107720, believed to correspond to the captioned application. A copy of that European Search Report is submitted herewith.

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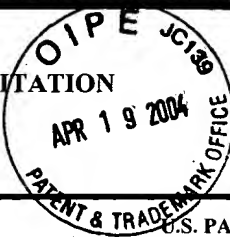
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